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Delay in the conduct of election to the Temple Committee, Trichinopoly.

* 625 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the election for the Trichinopoly Temple Committee, ordered to be held, has not been held as yet; and

(*b*) if it has not been held, the reasons for the delay?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 624.

Irrigation

Proposal of the Mysore Government to proceed with the execution of the Lakkavalli Project.

* 626 *Q.*—Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the Tungabhadra Project Scheme is;

(*b*) whether the Mysore Government is contemplating to construct a reservoir across the river Bhadra at Lakkavalli (otherwise known as Lakkavalli Project);

(*c*) if so, to what extent the contemplated Tungabhadra Project would be affected both in the matter of water-supply and the area to be irrigated; and

(*d*) whether the Governments of Madras, Hyderabad and Mysore have met and come to a decision regarding the Lakkavalli Project?

A.—(*a*) The preliminary investigation of the project is in progress.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is being examined.

(*d*) Not yet.

Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi:—"May I know, Sir, when the preliminary investigation is likely to be completed?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I cannot say, Sir."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Is it not a wrong policy of the Government to increase the number of projects when they are losing so many lakhs of rupees annually on account of the excess cultivation of paddy?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I do not agree. I may also mention that the projects that are under consideration are not merely intended for the cultivation of paddy."

Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi:—"Have the Mysore Government begun to construct their reservoir, Sir?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"No, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"With regard to the answer to clause (*d*), may I know whether the three Governments—Madras, Mysore and Hyderabad—have begun to discuss the matter or not?"

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The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The discussion has not yet begun. But the Mysore Government very kindly sent some particulars about their project and the information was also communicated to the Hyderabad Government. That is preliminary to the consideration of the matter."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—" May I know when the conference is going to meet to consider the whole question?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I cannot say, Sir."

Damage to the Kanigiri Reservoir caused by the cyclone.

* 627 *Q.*—The KUMARARAJA OF VENKATAGIRI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of damage caused to the masonry works and the bund of the Kanigiri reservoir in Nellore district by the cyclone in November 1933;

(*b*) the extent of damage done to
(i) fields and (ii) crops;

(*c*) the action taken by the Government to improve the masonry works connected with this reservoir and to make them permanently strong;

(*d*) the concession and remissions granted so far or proposed to be granted to the owners of fields and crops damaged;

(*e*) the improvements contemplated to the drainage system under the said reservoir; and

(*f*) what amount will be spent during the budget year in this connexion under various heads and what provision will be made in the budget for 1934–35?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) Extracts[a] from the reports of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and the Collector of Nellore are annexed.

(*c*) Detailed instructions regarding the steps to be taken to repair the damages have been issued to the Superintending Engineer by the Chief Engineer. The following are the works proposed:—

(1) Providing 30 feet radial shutters to the Maldevi drainage regulator; and

(2) repairing the other damaged portions of the revetment with mortar instead of dry stone packing and grouting adopted hitherto.

(*e*) No other improvements are contemplated at present.

(*f*) A sum of Rs. 3,000 has been allotted for expenditure on the repairs of flood damage to the reservoir during the current year under " XIII. Irrigation—Working expenses." For 1934–35, a provision of Rs. 37,000 has been made.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 521–523 infra.